

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the elements of claim 4, and have rewritten claims 8 and 11 into independent form. Claims 1-3 and 17 have been cancelled, without prejudice. As claims 4, 8 and 11 were indicated to be allowable, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 8 and 11 are in condition for allowance. Further, as all other pending claims depend on either claim 1, 8 or 11, it is respectfully submitted that these other claims are also now in condition for allowance. In addition, Applicants have amended the title of the application so that it more specifically recited the subject matter of the invention.

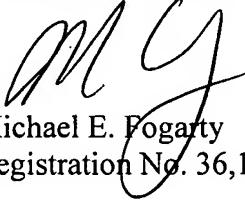
Having fully responding to all pending issues in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and indication of which is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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